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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National  
Reporting System for Adult Education

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education,  
Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces tests, test forms, and  
delivery formats that the Secretary determines to be  
suitable for use in the National Reporting System for Adult  
Education (NRS).

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(TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay  
Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On January 14, 2008, we published in the *Federal  
Register* final regulations for 34 CFR part 462, Measuring  
Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult

Education (NRS regulations) (73 FR 2306). The NRS regulations established the process the Secretary uses to determine the suitability of tests for use in the NRS by States and local eligible providers. We annually publish in the *Federal Register* and post on the internet at [www.nrsweb.org](http://www.nrsweb.org) a list of the names of tests and the educational functioning levels the tests are suitable to measure in the NRS as required by § 462.12(c)(2).

On December 13, 2016, the Secretary published in the *Federal Register* (81 FR 89920) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (December 2016 notice). The Secretary announced a list of tests and test forms determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, including: (1) eight tests previously approved for a seven-year period from February 2, 2010 through February 2, 2017, and approved for an extended period through February 2, 2019; (2) three tests previously approved for an extended period through February 2, 2017, and approved for an extended period through February 2, 2019; and (3) one test--a revised version of a test previously approved for an extended period through February 2, 2017--for which the Secretary extended approval through February 2, 2019. The Secretary took this action to extend the approved periods

for all 12 of these tests through February 2, 2019, in light of the following intervening factors: (1) the Department of Education's (Department's) plan to implement new descriptors for the NRS educational functioning levels and implement new regulations in 34 CFR part 462 (published in the *Federal Register* on August 19, 2016 (81 FR 55526) and effective as of September 19, 2016) that would govern the assessment review process; (2) the Department's desire to minimize disruption for its grantees in the transition to the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) as authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA), including with respect to measuring educational functioning level gain under the NRS; and (3) the attendant transition authority in section 503(c) of WIOA, which authorizes the Secretary of Education to "take such actions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate to provide for the orderly transition" from AEFLA as authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) to AEFLA as authorized by WIOA. The Secretary also clarified that, to provide for the transition from the performance accountability system for AEFLA under WIA to the performance accountability system for AEFLA as authorized by WIOA, the December 2016 notice remains effective until

June 30, 2019.

In addition to the tests identified in the December 2016 notice as determined to be suitable for use in the NRS through February 2, 2019, the Secretary now announces an additional test and test forms that have been determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with § 462.13. This test measures the new NRS educational functioning levels for Literacy/English Language Arts and Mathematics at all Adult Basic Education (ABE) levels, as described in Appendix E of Implementation Guidelines: Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education (OMB Control Number: 1830-0027).

#### APPROVED TESTS, FORMS, AND APPROVED PERIODS

Adult education programs must use only the approved forms and computer-based delivery formats for the tests published in this document. If a particular test form or computer delivery format is not explicitly specified for a test in the December 2016 notice or in this notice, it is not approved for use in the NRS.

TEST DETERMINED TO BE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THE NRS FOR A SEVEN-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

The Secretary has determined that the following test

is suitable for use in Literacy/English Language Arts and Mathematics at all ABE levels of the NRS for a period of seven years from the date of publication of this notice: Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE 11/12). Forms 11 and 12 are approved for use on paper and through a computer-based delivery format. Publisher: Data Recognition Corporation - CTB, 13490 Bass Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN 55311. Telephone: 800-538-9547. Internet: [www.ctb.com/](http://www.ctb.com/).

#### REVOCATION OF TESTS

Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may revoke the determination that a test is suitable (see § 462.12(e)). If the Secretary revokes the determination of suitability, the Secretary announces through the *Federal Register* and posts on the internet at [www.nrsweb.org](http://www.nrsweb.org) a notice of that revocation, along with the date by which States and local eligible providers must stop using the revoked test.

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